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Top Stories

- Google announced a suite of products and features at its annual developers conference designed to help the company put user privacy first by transitioning from the default of automatically sharing personal user information with the company to keeping the data stored on mobile phones, tablets and other devices. The new tools include an "incognito" search option on YouTube and Google's maps service and improved privacy controls for its Nest-connected smart home devices. (The Washington Post)

- Uber Technologies Inc. drivers are embarking on one of the largest coordinated protests of the company's policies, such as low wages and a lack of benefits for drivers, in more than a dozen cities worldwide today -

including in front of Uber's San Francisco headquarters. Drivers are set to be striking all day and some from other ride-hailing services like Lyft Inc. are also expected to participate. (The New York Times)

- Lobbyists for Netflix Inc. have discussed an array of regulatory issues, including copyright and privacy, with European Union commissioners and their high-level staffers in 11 meetings over the past 18 months, according to public records, an uptick from the streaming media company's customary single annual meeting with the European regulators. During the same time period, Netflix's U.S. lobbyists did not meet with the Federal Communications Commission at all, indicating a shift in legislative priorities. (The Information)

Chart Review

Uber's success is far from assured-just look at New York City
Quartz

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

05/08/2019

Google I/O conference	
RiskSec	
Satellite 2019	
The Washington Post's discussion with Speaker Nancy Pelosi	8:00 am

House Administration Committee hearing on election security	10:00 am
Senate Commerce Committee hearing on national airspace system	10:00 am
House Energy and Commerce's consumer protection subcommittee's hearing on FTC oversight and data privacy	10:30 am
FCC's North American Numbering Council Meeting	10:00 am

05/09/2019

Google I/O conference	
Satellite 2019	
Politico's The United States of Entrepreneurs event	8:00 am
Washington International Trade Association event on World Trade Organization's e-commerce initiative	9:00 am
House Small Business Committee's hearing on entrepreneurship in the digital ecosystem	10:00 am
FCC's May Open Commission Meeting	10:30 am
Cato Institute's event on cyber warfare, coercion, and restraint	1:00 pm
House Judiciary Committee's oversight hearing of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office	2:00 pm
FTC Cmr. Phillips participant in roundtable at the ABA's Antitrust in the Americas 2019	3:30 pm

05/10/2019

U.S. Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Digital Empowers Summit	8:30 am

05/15/2019

Brookings Institution's "The Global Research Network on Terrorism and Technology: The inaugural conference" event	8:30 am

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General

Facebook Penalty Sparks Partisan Wrangling
John D. McKinnon and Ryan Tracy, The Wall Street Journal

Federal Trade commissioners will appear at a House hearing Wednesday as they complete a settlement with Facebook Inc. over privacy violations, in a session likely to see sparring between Democrats and Republicans over who is better positioned to police Big Tech.

How Pete Buttigieg became the new toast of Silicon Valley's wealthiest donors
Theodore Schleifer, Vox

The two 30-somethings drove the modest streets of South Bend, double-checking the microphone volume as they poked one another over their elite academic credentials and offered at times a nerdy, low-production attempt at a buddy comedy.

Lyft to Offer Waymo Self-Driving Taxis in Suburban Phoenix
Tim Higgins, The Wall Street Journal

Lyft Inc.'s ride-hailing app will soon begin offering rides from self-driving cars operated by Waymo LLC in suburban Phoenix, in what would be one of the bigger commercial deployments of robot taxis so far.

White House Unveils Joint Committee to Invigorate U.S. Research Communities
Brandi Vincent, Nextgov

The White House launched a new joint committee Monday to boost support for research communities across the United States. The joint committee will be spearheaded by both the National Science and Technology Council's committees on Science and Science and Technology Enterprise, according to a statement from the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

World's fastest supercomputer will be built by AMD and Cray for US government
James Vincent, The Verge

The world's fastest supercomputer will be built in the US by 2021, the US Department of Energy announced today. The machine, dubbed Frontier, will be built by chip designer AMD and supercomputer manufacturer Cray for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

U.S. Futures, Europe Stocks Turn Lower; Pound Dips: Markets Wrap
Samuel Potter, Bloomberg

U.S. equity-index futures and European stocks turned lower on Wednesday following steep declines in Asia as markets struggled to stem this week's selloff. The pound slipped as hopes for a Brexit breakthrough faded.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Why a Republican senator wants the FTC to throw the book at Facebook
Timothy B. Lee, Ars Technica

Two senators-one Republican and one Democrat-are urging the Federal Trade Commission to take a hard line against Facebook in its ongoing negotiations over a privacy settlement.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Sprint Tops Subscriber Estimates, Awaits T-Mobile Deal Decision
Scott Moritz, Bloomberg

Sprint Corp. exceeded wireless subscriber growth estimates in its fiscal fourth quarter as promotions and freebies helped lure new customers - good news as investors wait to learn if U.S. regulators will approve the company's $26.5 billion takeover by T-Mobile US Inc.

Huawei Canada executive leaves post, second departure from firm in four months
David Ljunggren, Reuters

A Huawei Canada executive said on Tuesday he had left his post after less than a year at the company, the second recent high-profile departure from the

Chinese telecommunications equipment maker at the heart of a major dispute between Ottawa and Beijing.

Huawei Executive Returns to Court in Extradition Case
Dan Bilefsky, The New York Times

A Huawei executive is expected to appear in a Vancouver courtroom on Wednesday for a hearing about her potential extradition to the United States, a case that has complicated already tense relations between Canada and China.

FCC's Pai to Hill: FCC Will Keep an Eye on Frontier
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

FCC chair Ajit Pai said the FCC will monitor Minnesota's issues with Frontier Communications, but also signaled that the broadband provider appeared to be holding to its end of the broadband deployment equation when it came to Connect America Fund (CAF) II funding.

Charter squeezes more money out of Internet users with new cancellation policy
Jon Brodkin, Ars Technica

Charter is making it more expensive to cancel its Spectrum Internet service, as it will begin charging customers for the full month after they cancel instead of providing a prorated final bill. Charter broke the news to customers in the fine print of their latest billing statements.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Facebook picks London as base for WhatsApp push into payments
Madhumita Murgia, Financial Times

Facebook has chosen London as the centre for a push into payments on its WhatsApp messaging service, boosting the city's hopes of becoming a global fintech hub and signalling the company's commitment to monetising the fast-growing platform.

Do Facebook's Fact-Checking Efforts Even Work?
Melanie Ehrenkranz, Gizmodo

At the end of 2016, Facebook decided to finally do something about its

misinformation problem. It tasked a bunch of third-party fact-checkers to flag and weed out fake and misleading content from its News Feed.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Election Assistance Commission loses key tech expert ahead of 2020
Sean Lyngaas, CyberScoop

The top official responsible for certifying voting systems at the federal Election Assistance Commission is stepping down, multiple sources confirmed to CyberScoop.

Dem senators ask NSA for public update on mass phone data collection program
Emily Birnbaum, The Hill

A group of six Democratic senators on the Senate Intelligence Committee is asking the National Security Agency (NSA) to release a public update on its mass phone data collection program, following reports indicating the spy agency has shut it down.

Ban on facial recognition tech up for vote in San Francisco
Steven Musil, CNET

San Francisco could soon become the first city in the US to ban the use of facial recognition technologies by city agencies. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors rules committee on Monday unanimously approved the "Stop Secret Surveillance Ordinance," which would require supervisors' approval before agencies - including the police department - could use public funds on the technology.

McConnell suggests Obama 'emboldened' Russia's election interference
Jordain Carney, The Hill

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) appeared to blame the Obama administration on Tuesday for emboldening Russia to interfere in the 2016 election.

Debt collectors could send unlimited emails and texts under proposed Trump rules
Colin Lecher, The Verge

Under a new Trump administration policy, debt collectors would be able to call consumers as frequently as seven times a week, and be allowed to start sending emails and texts. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act established rules for debt collection in 1977, before the age of digital communication, leaving phone calls as the default option for collectors.

The CIA Will Use its New Dark Web Site to Collect Anonymous Tips
Ben Makuch, Motherboard

On the heels of the CIA announcing its brand new Instagram account, replete with amateur artwork of some of its operatives and stories featuring Director Gina Haspel's first ID card, the American spy agency is going to the dark web.

A Message from Verizon:

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Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Google's Sundar Pichai: Privacy Should Not Be a Luxury Good
Sundar Pichai, The New York Times

Google products are designed to be helpful. They take the friction out of daily life (for example, by showing you the fastest route home at the end of a long day) and give you back time to spend on things you actually want to do.

What Facebook Could Have Been
Ian Bogost, The Atlantic

Let me tell you about the time I invented Facebook. It was 2002, after my second child was born.

The FTC is facing a crisis of legitimacy in policing Facebook
Sarah Miller and Matt Stoller, The Guardian

In 2011, the Federal Trade Commission settled charges with Facebook that the social networking giant "deceived consumers by telling them they could keep their information on Facebook private, and then repeatedly allowing it to be shared and made public". Today, the company is again in hot water for, among other things, misusing private user data, failing to stop the spread of fake news and enabling the distribution of toxic and violent multimedia.

Research Reports

2019 IAPP Privacy Professionals Salary Survey
International Association of Privacy Professionals

The privacy profession has been growing steadily since its inception, but it exploded in the last two years. With the coming into force of the EU General Data Protection Regulation in 2018 and the impending legislative reforms in Washington and some U.S. states, privacy and data protection professionals have never been busier - or more in demand.

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